

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RAILROAD RETIREMENT
BOARD—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT—PM 76

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(1) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 16, 1999.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:05 a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2724) to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2454) to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 376. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1869. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the prohibition on stalking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2442. An act to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President.

H.R. 3073. An act to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for grants for projects designed to promote responsible fatherhood, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3234. An act to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports and Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution recognizing the United States Border Patrol's 75 years of service since its founding.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2454. An act to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese.

H.R. 2724. An act to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6159. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to medical and dental care for members of the Reserve components; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6160. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6161. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6162. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Norway, Ukraine, Russia, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6163. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Netherlands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6164. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6165. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the

amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Gulf Cooperation Council; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6166. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the Procurement List, received November 9, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6167. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6168. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6169. A communication from the Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6170. A communication from the Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6171. A communication from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6172. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6173. A communication from the Chairman, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act, the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6174. A communication from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6175. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6176. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to audit reports issued during fiscal year 1999 regarding the Board and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6177. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6178. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 1999,

through September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6179. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of the System of Records Under the Privacy Act" (AAG/A Order No. 180-99), received November 9, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6180. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to the jurisdiction of Military and National Forest System lands at the Army's Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, California, and the USDA's Forest Service Toiyabe National Forest in Mineral County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-371. A resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association relative to invasive species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1928. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a medicare subvention demonstration project for veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-222).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 200. A resolution designating the week of February 14-20 as "National Biotechnology Week."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Linda J. Bilmes, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Linda J. Bilmes, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in

the RECORDS of October 12, 1999 and October 27, 1999, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Coast Guard, 1 nomination of Richard B. Gaines, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of October 12, 1999.

In the Coast Guard, 96 nominations beginning Peter K. Oittinen, and ending Joseph P. Sargent, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of October 27, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1921. A bill to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1922. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for modifications to inter-city buses required under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1923. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from applying spectrum aggregation limits to spectrum assigned by auction after 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1924. A bill to ensure personal privacy with respect to financial information, to provide customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information, to provide for strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1925. A bill to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1926. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve student achievement by helping local educational agencies improve the quality of, and technology training for, teachers, to improve teacher accountability, and to enhance the leadership skills of principals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BREAU:

S. 1927. A bill to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1928. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a medicare subvention demonstration project for veterans, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1929. A bill to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise

and extend such Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1930. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to provide for the termination of milk marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1931. A bill to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1932. A bill to amend the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998 to revise and extend certain provisions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. 1933. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1934. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for business-provided student education and training; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1935. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of community attendant services and supports under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1936. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1921. A bill to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION ACT OF 1999

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation which would create a plaque honoring those Vietnam veterans who died as a result of the war but who are not eligible to have their names placed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The "Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act of 1999" would authorize the placement of a plaque within the sight of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam War, but as a direct result of that service. This bill is similar to H.R. 3293, which was introduced by my colleague in the House of Representatives, Congressman GALLAGHER.

Deadly war wounds do not always kill right away. Sometimes these fatal